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I love Vermont's environment because just being in nature is so peaceful, and you can notice so many different things when you're out there being still. You can just listen to the sounds around you, and hear the different animal calls. (Duck and Geese calls are my favorite).

I enjoy Vermont's environment because it's a great place to run around and get your energy out, and there are so many different fun things to do, like Hide and go seek, and Tag!

I care about having fresh air. That means to have enough beautiful trees. I also care about the wildlife and all the different animals (although we do have too many squirrels) that live here too. To me Earth Day means a day where you take time to appreciate the earth and clean up litter on the streets, in forests, and in rivers.

There are many things that concern me about Vermont's environment, and the whole world! One of them is the earth heating up because I love skiing so much! And the glittering snow is so beautiful in the sunny mornings when the sun is rising.

Earth's changing environment could impact farming because some of the crops might not be able to handle the warmer temperatures and so our farmers might lose money because they won't be able to sell their crops to grocery stores.

The things I think we should do to protect Vermont's environment are... 1. Stop spending our money on fossil fuels and find other ways to heat our houses, and stop burning fossil fuels. 2. We should find other means of transportation besides cars and trucks. 3. **PLANT MORE TREES!** Trees are a natural climate solution! And they don't cost very much!! But many people are cutting thousands of them down every day, and although some people are trying to plant more trees it still isn't enough!?! We need everyone to plant more trees and make donations to groups that protect the wilderness.

I would like to thank you for listening to our voices and giving us a chance to speak.